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1. A military training camp, [REDACTED], is located at Boletice near Cesky Krumlov; it was erected in 1947. Yearly, beginning in May and ending in August or September, troops are concentrated here for maneuvers. In the winter also, mostly in February, troops are trained for a one month period.
  2. The following officers are stationed at this camp:
    - a. Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Jindrich Toms, a Czech, age 55-60, height 165 cm, weight 70 kg; an ardent Communist and lives in the camp. He has been nicknamed "Benito Mussolini". In 1949 he replaced Col. Pisinger who had been purged.
    - b. D/OZ Officer Lt. Kocourek, age 30, height 180 cm, weight 75 kg; a fanatical Communist; married and lives in the camp. He was transferred here in February 1950.
    - c. Education Officer Officer Cadet Sgt. Kohut, a Slovak, height 164 cm, weight 64 kg; an ardent Communist and an informer.
    - d. Quartermaster Staff Capt. Bauor, a Czech, age 37, height 175 cm; a Communist; married and lives in Cesky Krumlov.
    - e. Mess Officer Lt. Hares, a Czech, age 35, height 165 cm, weight 70 kg; a Communist; a former member of the protectorate forces; was promoted from warrant officer.
    - f. Attached to Quartermaster
      - 1) 2nd Lt. Hala, a Czech, age 32, height 165 cm, weight 62 kg; a Communist and a former member of the protectorate forces.
      - 2) 2nd Lt. Kolar, a Czech, age 32, height 165 cm, weight 65 kg; expelled from the party.
    - g. Ordnance Officer 1st Lt. Bokol, a Czech, age 40, height 176 cm, weight 75 kg; expelled from the party in 1950.

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h. Workshop Lt. Zeman, a Czech, age 40, height 170 cm, weight 65 kg; an ardent Communist.

3. The following companies are components of this camp:

a. "A" Company (labor company), with a strength of 140-160 men. Commanding Officer is 1st Lt. Bohumil Snid, a Czech, age 35, height 175 cm, weight 75 kg; promoted from warrant officer; a former member of the protectorate forces; married with three children; an ardent Communist. The company has the following platoons:

- 1) Headquarters platoon (clerks, etc.)
- 2) Labor platoon, 45 men
- 3) Transportation platoon, 20 men
- 4) Engineers Platoon, 23 men who are detached from the 2nd Engineer Regiment at Pisek
- 5) Signal Platoon, 15 men
- 6) Work Detail, 80 men from the 1st Infantry Regiment at Kaplice.

and the following vehicles:

- 7) 2 German-type weapon carriers
- 8) 2 Skoda sedans
- 9) 4 KDF cars (German)
- 10) 6 Praga Rn 3-ton trucks
- 11) 1 1½ ton truck
- 12) 1 Skoda Diesel 8-ton truck
- 13) 1 Zundap 750 cu.m. motorcycle with sidecar
- 14) 3 250 cu.m. Jawa motorcycles
- 15) 6 horsedrawn vehicles

b. Company at Podvori, 40 men who are stationed at the tank testing grounds. Officers:

- 1) Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Krc, Tank Corps, a Czech, age 52, height 175 cm, weight 72 kg; married, lives in Podvori.
- 2) Deputy Commanding Officer Staff Capt. Novoty, Tank Corps, a Czech, age 45, height 175 cm, weight 70 kg; a Communist. A former member of the Czech Brigade in England; a sergeant in 1945, he was promoted to warrant officer and joined the party. An informer for the OBZ officer of the 12th Tank Brigade and was responsible for the disbandment of this brigade on the ground of its being politically unreliable and for the arrest of western-oriented officers. He has been promoted four times since February 1948. He is a dangerous informer and his influence is great. His wife is active in the Communist Party.

c. "E" Company at Trebovice, 40 men consisting of rifle range personnel. Officers:

- 1) Commanding Officer Major Plansky, a Czech, age 38, height 170 cm, weight 68 kg; married; a Communist; lives at Trebovice.

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- 2) Deputy Commanding Officer 2nd Lt. Pupik, a Czech, height 165 cm, weight 60 kg; a Communist.
- d. "O" Company at Polecnice, 40 men consisting of artillery range and airfield labor personnel. Commanding officer is Capt. Karlik, a Slovak, age 35, height 175 cm, weight 70 kg; a Communist.
4. Camp installations are being improved constantly, and quarters for married personnel are being built. The following training facilities are in use:
- Rifle range at Trebovice, with maneuverable targets.
  - Artillery range at Polecnice, using artificial targets as well as the Jablonec area.
  - Tank and antitank testing grounds at Podhorst, with a total of 12 tank targets.
  - Armored trains and armored cars range at Polecnice. In addition to firing of guns, tests have been made with rocket weapons mounted on armored cars. Two to four shells have been fired at one time for a distance of 3-5 km.
  - Airfield at Polecnice. Landing area consists of a meadow 1,000 x 600 m. There are no hangars and aircraft are parked near houses and haystacks. The following types of aircraft were seen at the field: Storch, Piper, twin-engined Siebel, Arado, Messerschmitt and Spitfire interceptors, Messerschmitt 110, Junker 88, Mosquito bombers. The tasks of the air force unit are to
    - 1) Direct artillery fire
    - 2) Photograph artillery positions
    - 3) Carry targets for antiaircraft artillery
    - 4) Attack antiaircraft weapons
 Bombing and strafing with live ammunition are not done here.
5. Training at the camp takes the following forms:
- Street fighting in the vicinity of Lomek, performed by infantry battalions, reinforced by a tank platoon. There is no firing during the first two days, but live ammunition and explosives are used during the third or fourth day. The tank platoon is used as an assault group to storm houses in the area.
  - Concentration of sub-machine gun companies in the Sadlno area for three weeks.
  - Concentration of heavy gun companies in the Polecnice-Jablonec area for one month.
  - Sniper's course in the Otice area, 8 marksmen from each company.
  - Mine-laying course in the Benikovice area for reserve officers only, about 200 students for a period of a week. Instructors are officers from the 2nd Engineers Regiment at Pisek.
  - Practice firing for GNB units. Since April 1950 the GNB-PS units are using the Horicky field range. About 600 men in three shifts, most of them about 18 years of age.
6. The camp receives its supplies in the following ways:
- Food is brought on trucks or by train to the Kajov railroad station from the Ceske Budejovice supply depot twice weekly.
  - Ammunition arrives at the Kajov or Palna railroad station from the army ammunition depot at Rudolfov near Ceske Budejovice. Deliveries are irregular, sometimes two or three freight cars at one time. Ammunition is issued to units at the railroad station and unit trucks or horse-drawn

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vehicles carry it to the range. Distribution is usually made at night so that the ammunition reaches the training units by dawn. Unused ammunition and empty cartridges must be turned in to the camp ordnance officer.

- c. Liquid fuels are brought by railroad tank cars to the Cesky Krumlov railroad station, where barrels are filled and transported to an underground tank located in the barracks of the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Infantry Regiment at Cesky Krumlov. Some fuel is transported to the camp at Boletice and stored there.
7. Beginning February 1950, construction of an underground tank was started in Boletice by Hefa, n.p., Prague. The tank will have a capacity of 40,000 liters and is expected to be completed by 15 June 1950.
8. The camp is off limits to all civilians who do not have an entry permit issued by the Boletice headquarters. Civilians with permits are forest and farm workers and voluntary brigade workers. STB and DOZ members have free entry everywhere but must have a DOZ card or an STB badge. DOZ officers at Boletice are furnished with blue passes which permit them to drive through in their cars at any time. Troops cannot leave the camp, except when they are escorted by their officers to go to the moving picture theaters or to the lectures at Cesky Krumlov.
9. The 3rd Battalion of the 1st Infantry Regiment Headquarters, Army Unit 4501, is located at Cesky Krumlov. The battalion commander is Major Tunor, who is 45-50 years of age, 170 cm tall, and weighs 68 kg. The battalion quarters are located in huts at Vysny near Cesky Krumlov. The 2nd Battalion of this regiment is located at Kaplice.

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